Development of Lucknow Airport

†5335. PROF. M.M.AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3217 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 2000 and state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government during the current financial year for developing each of those airports as international airport; and

(b) the steps Government are taking or propose to take for developing the Lucknow Airport and developing it as an international airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) These airports are equipped to handle international flights. However, the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has allocated Rs. 2.07 crore for Bangalore, Rs. 4.00 crore for Hyderabad airport, Rs. 25.80 crore for Ahmedabad airport, Rs. 0.95 crore for Goa airport, Rs. 5.00 crore for Amritsar airport, Rs. 16.77 crore for Guwahati airport for further upgradation of facilities.

(b) Lucknow airport has been developed as a model airport and limited international operations are already taking place.

Emergency services at Airports

5336. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how much time would the relief facilities such as fire tenders and ambulances should take to arrive at the crash venue in case of air crash at any airport;

(b) whether Government plan to improve upon such emergency services in the time of'emergency; and

(q) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Response Time for rescue and relief vehicles like Crash Fire Tenders (CFT) prescribed by International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is "within two minutes and not exceeding three minutes". The ambulances are positioned at Fire Station, along with fire tenders and follow the crash fire tenders to reach the crash site.

(b) and (c) All the rescue and fire fighting vehicles at airports conform to the ICAO norm. It is the constant endeavour to improve and upgrade these

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